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In re application of:) Confirmation No.: 3332
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Serial No: 10/572,747) Group Art Unit: 1797
Filed: March 21, 2006)
For: SOLUTION TEMPERATURE CONTROL)
DEVICE IN CELL OBSERVATION)
CHAMBER)

STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW OF JANUARY 4, 2011

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is in response to the "Interview Summary" dated January 4, 2011.

A personal interview with Examiners Danielle Henkel and Michael Marcheschi was conducted on January 4, 2011 and the undersigned attorney.

1. Brief Description of any exhibit shown or demonstration conducted

None.

2. Identification of claims discussed

All pending claims were discussed.

3. Identification of specific prior art discussed

All applied prior art, i.e., Kanegasaki and Kitagawa, with emphasis on Kitagawa.

4. Identification of the principal proposed amendments of a substantive nature

None. The claims as amended in the response filed December 15, 2010 were discussed. The Examiners suggested further amendment of the claims to recite additional structure including a by-pass of the "changeover switch," although no specific additional language was proposed or discussed.

5. A brief identification of the general thrust of the principal arguments presented to the

Examiner

Neither Kanegasaki nor Kitagawa, alone or in combination, has the capability for, subsequent to preheating, receiving inputs from different sensors, to simultaneously (1) directly measure the temperature of the solution(s) and to control the heating section in accordance with that directly measured solution temperature in the observation cell heating section (the second controller, using the second temperature sensor) and (2) directly measure the temperature of the heating section and prevent overheating of the heating section in accordance with that directly measured heating section temperature.

6. A general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed

None

7. The general results or outcome of the interview.

It was agreed that the undersigned would submit a supplemental amendment further amending the claims to recite more structure.

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Interview Summary

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Examiner	Art Unit	
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(1) DANIELLE HENKEL. (3) George Loud.

(2) Michael Marcheschi. (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 04 January 2011.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant
2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: all.

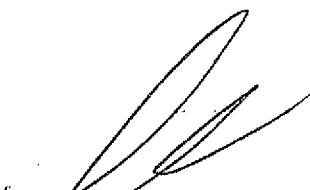
Identification of prior art discussed: all applied.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant's representative presented arguments regarding the differences between the applied art and the invention. Examiner discussed possible amendments to overcome prior art by including more structural differences. Attorney will file supplemental amendment.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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